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SUBJ: PAN AM CAPTAIN REFUSES TO BOARD 18 OF OUR SURIVORS
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1. SUMMARY: THE CAPTAIN OF PAN AM FLIGHT 228 HAS JUSS REFUSED TO BOARD 18 (MALE) MEMBERS OF OUR GROUP OF PEOPLE'S TEMPLE REPATRIATION CASES. THE FLIGHT HAS TAKEN OFF FOR NEW YORK WITH 11 WOMEN AND CHILDREN FROM OUR GROUP. END SUMMARY.

2. OF THE 32 POTENTIAL TRAVELLERS LISTED REFTELS, 3 INDICATED A DESIRE TO REMAIN IN GUYANA AND DECLINED OUR OFFER OF REPATRIATION TODAY. THESE THREE ARE: [redacted] FOR LACK OF ANYTHING ELSE TO DO THEY RODE TO THE AIRPORT ON OUR CHARTERED BUS THAT WAS TAKING THE 29 TRAVELLERS TO TIMEHRI AIRPORT.

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3. PAN AMERICAN WAS APPARENTLY EXPECTING SOME SORT OF ARMED AMERICAN GUARD ESCORTING THE TRAVELLERS TO NEW YORK AND REFUSED TO BOARD THE PASSENGERS WITHOUT ONE. WE QUICKLY INVESTIGATED THE POSSIBILITY OF A GUYANESE POLICEMAN: THE CAPTAIN APPEARED TO BE

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SATISFIED, THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE QUICKLY GAVE HIS OKAY, AND THE EMBASSY COORDINATED ALL OF THIS WITH THE GUYANA WORKING GROUP IN WASHINGTON. THEN, AT LAST MINUTE, THE CAPTAIN INDICATED THAT PAN AM, NEW YOUR WOULD NOT ACCEPT ANYTHING BUT AN ARMED AMERICAN.

4. THE PILOT TOOK 11 WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND DEPARTED WITHOUT THE 18 MALE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP. THESE 18 ARE PRESENTLY RIDING BACK TO GEORGETOWN ON THE BUS AND WILL BE QUARTERED SOMEWHERE.

5. DEPARTENT IS REQUESTED TO COORDINATE WITH PAN AMERICAN, NEW YORK AND ASCERTAIN WHETHER A SKYMARSHALL SHOULD BE DISPATCHED TO GEORGETOWN. THE NEXT PAN AM FLIGET TO NEW YORK IS NOT UNITL WEDNESDAY, ALTHOUGE OTHER FLIGHTS ON FOREIGN FLAG CARRIERS ARE A POSSIBILITY.

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